

WORLD BRIEFS

Baker Finds Arabs Silent on Rabin Bid

By Thomas L. Friedman
New York Times Service
TOKYO — When Secretary of State James A. Baker 3d set off on his weeklong swing through the Middle East, he declared that now that the Israeli government is signaling a willingness to compromise, it is time for the Arabs to indicate new flexibility as well.

er there is truth to the rumors that he is leaving. At each stop, they were told the company line: there is no decision. But the answer did not satisfy the Arabs, who say they must consider the wisdom of making gestures toward Israel that might hurt them politically at home, if the peace process comes to nothing at all.

But those days may be over. "We are at the historic point now where Arabs and Israelis are negotiating about the practicalities of coexistence, mutual security guarantees and a new Middle Eastern order in which Israel lives as one of many equal states in the region," Rami Khomi, a Jordanian political commentator, wrote in the Jordan Times last week. "Symbolic gestures will not be enough to make true progress in the peace talks."

NEWS ANALYSIS

rumors about Mr. Baker are "lame-ducking us," a senior State Department official complained. Arab leaders are also beginning to understand that if Mr. Rabin comes forward with serious offers for Palestinian self-rule in the occupied territories and for better relations with Syria and Jordan, the Arabs are going to be called upon to match him with concrete steps.

That is a serious challenge, but for now it has not been addressed by any Arab leader except President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, who immediately invited Mr. Rabin to Cairo. That visit took place last week. Consider, for example, what King Hussein of Jordan had to say at his news conference with Mr. Baker last week when asked what the Arabs might do to build confidence in response to Mr. Rabin's plans to curtail building in the occupied areas.



CONFIDENCE-BUILDER — Mr. Rabin lashing out at the opposition in Jerusalem on Monday just before winning a vote of confidence on his new policy of curbing settlements.

Hezbollah Quits Lebanon Barracks
RAALBEK, Lebanon (Reuters) — Pro-Iranian Hezbollah militants began evacuating their largest base in Lebanon on Monday by handing it over to the Lebanese Army.

Ex-Officials Sued in French HIV Case
PARIS (AFP) — Lawyers for a hemophiliac infected with HIV-contaminated blood sued the former French prime minister, Laurent Fabius, and two former ministers on Monday for "poisoning" patients.

Checkpoint Charlie's Shopping Mall?
BERLIN (Reuters) — A Berlin court approved a \$540 million development project Monday at Checkpoint Charlie, the crossing into East Germany where U.S. and Soviet tanks confronted each other in 1961.

Frenchman and Cosmonauts in Orbit
MOSCOW (Reuters) — The Soyuz TM-15 spacecraft with two Russians and a French researcher on board went into orbit from the Baikonur launching site on Monday for a voyage to the Mir orbital space station.

ANC Seeks Trial in Detainees' Deaths
JOHANNESBURG (AP) — The African National Congress demanded Monday that certain police officers be put on trial after a doctor charged that they routinely torture and kill suspects.

U.S. Fines 3 Firms for Libya Trade
WASHINGTON (AP) — Two banks and Anheuser-Busch Inc. paid penalties for violating the U.S. economic embargo of Libya, the Treasury Department said Monday.

For the Record
Erich Honecker, the former East German leader, remained in the Chilean Embassy in Moscow on Monday, and there was no sign of an early end to the deadlock over his fate.

Experts Say Iraq Is Ready to Pump Oil Full Speed

By Youssef M. Ibrahim
New York Times Service
PARIS — Fourteen months after the end of the Gulf War, Iraq has repaired a significant portion of its oil-producing, exporting and refining capability, according to a report based on a three-week inspection of installations devastated by allied bombing.

impossible for Iraq to take advantage of its oil wealth. But the work that has been done would enable Iraq to resume exporting oil immediately if the sanctions were lifted or if Iraq agreed to the UN conditions for exporting about \$1.6 billion worth of oil — conditions that is so far described as too humiliating to accept.

ing stations and depressing stations, heavily damaged by bombing from Jan. 17, 1991, to Feb. 28, 1991, have been at least partly repaired, with the use of parts purchased abroad or stored in Iraq.

U.S., in Shift, Agrees to Meet With the Iraqi Foes of Saddam

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration has agreed, for the first time, to meet with high-level Iraqi dissidents. The Iraqis are in the United States to discuss an idea that Washington and its allies should support an opposition government against President Saddam Hussein and supply it with weapons for a civil war.

position to export at least 1.3 million to 1.6 million barrels of oil a day, compared with its prewar level of 3.3 million barrels. The country has repaired more than enough refining capacity to supply all the gasoline and heating oil it needs, the report says, despite UN sanctions on the import of spare parts or the export of oil.

At Mina al Bakr, the newly damaged export port on the Gulf, the newsletter says, Iraq has succeeded in repairing "three of the four loading berths," which allow the pumping of oil from the southern oilfields directly into tankers.

Sarajevo Is Quiet as EC Reopens Mediation

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Fighting waned here Monday as the European Community, alarmed by the flight of refugees from the ethnic war in Bosnia, resumed its drive for peace.

The EC intends to exert pressure on all sides to observe a cease-fire after four months of fighting in which more than 7,500 people have been killed.

At least 2.25 million others have been driven from their homes by Serbian and Croatian forces who have captured huge pieces of Bosnian territory.

Rebel Serbs opposed to the former Yugoslav republic's independence have seized up to two-thirds of its territory, mostly from the Muslim majority.

Muslim leaders, who fear the EC talks could lead to a settlement at their expense despite international recognition of Bosnia, warned that they would not enter negotiations in London.

Diplomats there said that Lord Carrington, the chief EC negotiator, and his deputy, José Cuatrecasas of Portugal, would try to revive the cease-fire that all sides ignored earlier this month.

A British official said: "They have a cease-fire and they will be told in an uncertain terms to implement it."

He was echoed by a Serb official at the talks who said the cease-fire would be the main priority and added: "This is an opportunity for peace which cannot be missed."

Land of Peril for Journalists

28 Have Fallen in a Year in Wars of Former Yugoslavia

By Blaine Harden
Washington Post Service
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Miyazawa Vows Party Will Clean Up Politics

CRESCENZI, BENITO, J.
OF Scarsdale, New York on July 22, 1992. Husband of Mary Elizabeth Crescenzi, Father of Joseph Merzitt, Christina Marie, Thomas Merzitt and Lynda Ann Crescenzi, Brother of Dolf, Gene and Dr. Armand Crescenzi. Funeral service was held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Scarsdale on July 25th. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Gift of Life, Inc., c/o Eileen Gelman, Heart Transplant Social Worker, Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center, 622 West 168th Street, New York, NY 10032 USA.

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TRAVEL UPDATE

SAS has suspended flights between Prague and Copenhagen until diplomats can decide which country will accept 13 Iraqi Kurdish refugees stranded at the Prague airport.

A forest fire inland from Oporto in northern Portugal was spreading despite efforts by 130 fire fighters.

Chief's men post office government offices, banks and department stores remained closed following a protest strike against the government in N'Djamena, the capital. A union spokesman said the strike was spreading to other parts of the country.

The Weather

Table with columns for North America, Europe, Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Each column lists cities and their weather conditions for today and tomorrow.

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ELECTION NOTES

Democrats, Riding High, Rake in the Money

WASHINGTON — Reaping the rewards of the largest post-convention popularity surge since such measurements began being taken, Democratic officials say July may well be the strongest month in this election season for raising money and one of the best in the party's history.

'Extreme Leftist' Versus 'Inherited Wealth'

PORTLAND, Maine — The name is Bean, L.L. Bean, but Linda Lorraine Bean, the granddaughter of the founder of the outdoor clothing company that is practically synonymous with Maine, is not selling boots or down-filled jackets.

Quotes-Unquotes

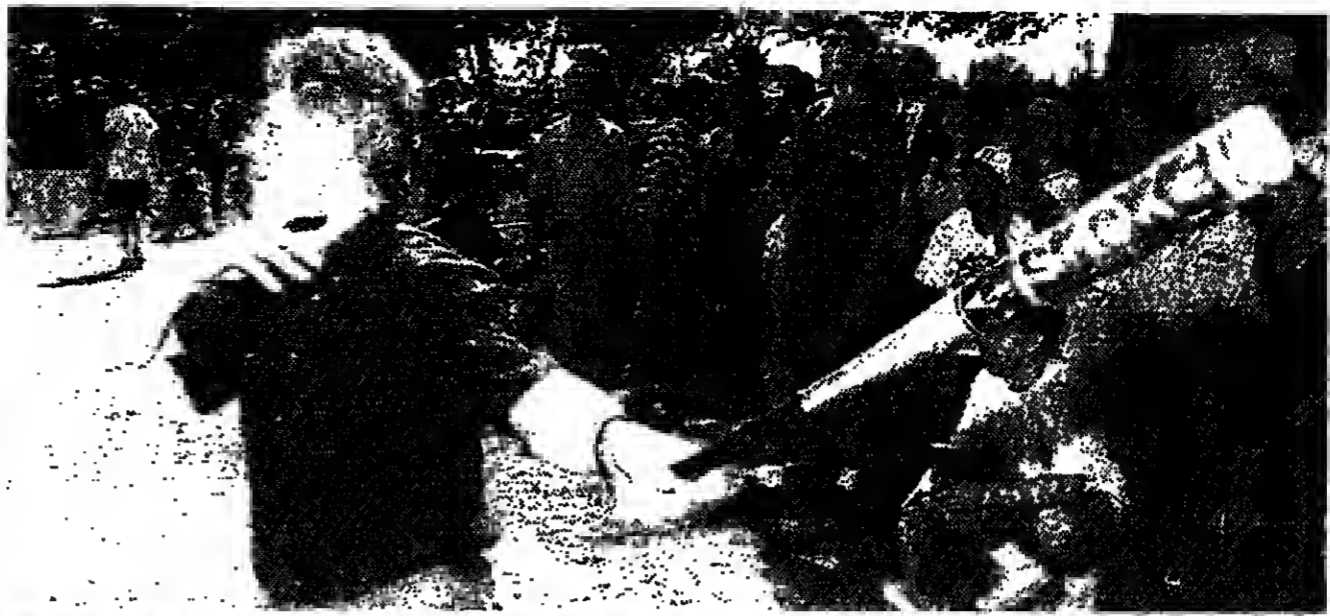
Bill Clinton on the hazards of the campaign trail: "You get these 260-pound guys whose arms are as big around as my waist shaking hands with you, and you wonder whether you're going to come back with your hand intact."

Away From the Hustings

- A chartered bus carrying New York City families to an amusement park raced out of control down a steep grade in Vernon Township, New Jersey, struck two cars, rolled over and burst into flames. Six people were killed, including two children, and 47 were injured.

Bush Cites His 'Guts' But Clinton Asks Action

By Andrew Rosenthal New York Times Service NEENAH, Wisconsin — President George Bush and his advisers confronted Governor Bill Clinton head-on for the first time on foreign policy Monday, opening the new front by calling the Democrats' ideas on Yugoslavia "reckless" and painting Mr. Bush as the candidate that can be trusted with the nation's security.



Bill Clinton, on a campaign swing through California, was a hit with 8,000 visitors at a picnic in Ontario, a Los Angeles suburb.

Clinton Rejects 'Big Spender' Label

By John E. Yang Washington Post Service SAN DIEGO — Bill Clinton, the Democratic presidential nominee, took his call for economic revitalization and better education to the National Urban League on Monday as he sought to counter the Bush-Quayle campaign's characterization of him as a big-spending liberal.

the economy and education were not "liberal versus conservative, black versus white, bigger government versus less government." "This is not about tax and spend, this is about progress or sink."

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Georgia Orders Vote Recount in Gingrich Victory

ATLANTA — State election officials on Monday ordered a recount of the Republican congressional primary in which the U.S. house minority whip, Newt Gingrich, beat an opponent by fewer than 1,000 votes.

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U.S. Congressional Majority Declares Support for Iranian Resistance Led by Massoud Rajavi

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IRANIAN ACADEMICS IN BRITAIN B.M. BOX 2998, LONDON WC1N 3xx The statement reads in part "The violation of international laws by the Rafsanjani government has taken on dangerous dimensions as on April 5, the Iranian Air Force breached international borders and bombed one of the bases of the National Liberation Army of Iran deep inside the Iraqi territory."



Government crackdown on the anti-Mafia investigators.

IRAQ: Force to Mideast

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A Disabled Americans' Civil Rights Law

By Liz Spayd
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — The most far-reaching civil rights law since the 1960s has just gone into effect, promising to force the kind of wholesale changes that would make the American workplace far more hospitable to workers who have physical and mental disabilities.

The new law, the second phase of the Americans With Disabilities Act, outlines changes that U.S. companies must make to nearly every facet of employment, from job applications and interviews, to health insurance plans, compensation and work schedules. The changes are designed to extend to the disabled the same rights that women and minorities won nearly three decades ago.

At many companies across the country, managers already are bending and flexing to meet the needs of disabled workers.

Marriott Corp. uses interpreters to help a hearing-impaired employee at its Bethesda, Maryland, headquarters understand what is being

said at staff meetings. A blind manager at a department store in Arlington, Virginia, has a scanner attached to his computer that reproduces documents in braille.

In Atlantic City, New Jersey, owners of the Trump Castle casino altered a blackjack table to help a dealer who uses a wheelchair. And Continental Insurance, a New York-based property and casualty company, has an enlarging device attached to a computer so that a clerical worker with poor vision can see her keyboard more clearly.

Since it affects all industries, and ultimately touches millions of businesses, the act has a scope matched by few other laws. Generally, it is being praised by businesses as an effort to reach out to a disenfranchised segment of society. But it also has drawn criticism from industry groups that fear it could open the floodgates to litigation and subject businesses to large financial judgments by juries.

"This is one of the most damaging bills to business in a long time," said Wendy Lechner, who directs

research and policy for the National Federation of Independent Business. "So much about the law is vague that business owners won't know until they've been sued whether they're in compliance."

The law does not state precisely what a company must do or spend to ensure that it does not discriminate, since what is appropriate for a commercial giant like IBM might not be for a small retailer. What the law requires is that employers make "reasonable accommodations" to assure that qualified applicants with physical or mental disabilities are not discriminated against, unless the employer can show that the accommodation would put an "undue hardship" on its operations.

For a large law firm, that could mean providing a reader for a lawyer who is blind; for a computer company, it could mean widening doorways or adjusting a desk's height to accommodate a systems analyst in a wheelchair.

The law goes well beyond traditional notions of disability by including any person with an impair-

ment that substantially limits a major life activity. It protects people with AIDS, with cosmetic disfigurements, with dyslexia, even those who suffer from stress or depression if their condition is so severe as to be considered disabling by a psychiatrist.

"Companies have a hard time accepting that they have to pay for the hearing amplification device or adjust the work schedules of people to accommodate a person who goes to physical therapy," said Paul Tufano, a lawyer with a Philadelphia firm, who has advised thousands of corporate clients on the new law. "You don't have to give them the Cadillac accommodation, but you'd better do what is reasonable."

Companies in recent weeks have been doing everything from scrutinizing the wording of job applications to reviewing hiring and promotion practices to ensure that nothing they do could be considered discriminatory.

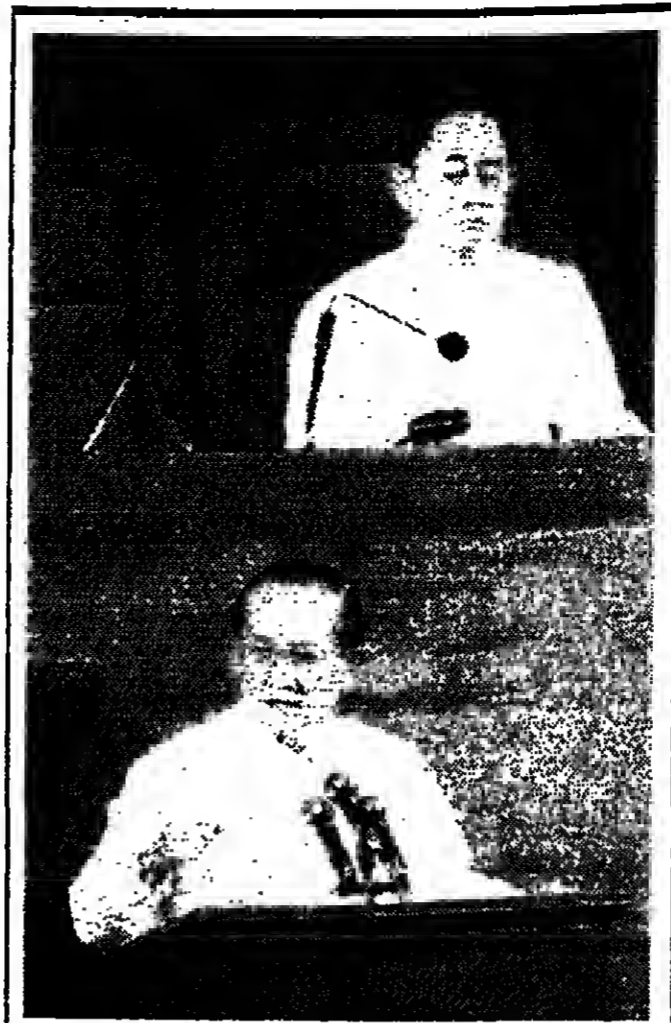
Under the new law, for example, applicants cannot be asked whether they have disabilities, only whether they are able to perform specific functions that are considered essential to certain jobs. For employers, that often means determining just exactly what are the essential functions of each job.

"It is essential for a painter in a wheelchair to be able to reach the ceiling," said Roger Wagner, president of Trump Castle, which is reviewing some 600 distinct jobs to determine their essential functions. "Probably not, if we have a crew of 30 other painters who can do it."

Employer reaction to the act has run the gamut. Some companies have done nothing at all; one company paid for a physical therapist to accompany a tugboat crew to measure how much weight the laborers lifted, and with which muscle groups, according to Mr. Tufano.

The tugboat case is the exception. A recent survey of 100 companies conducted by Mr. Tufano's law firm showed that 70 percent of employers had done little more than take steps to educate themselves on the law.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, through which all charges of discrimination under the act must be filed, estimates that it may get 12,000 new claims in the first year, or a 20 percent increase in its caseload.



President Ramos making a point to the Philippine Congress on Monday. Behind him is the speaker, Jose De Venecia.

Legalize Communist Party, Ramos Urges His Congress

Agence France-Press

MANILA — President Fidel V. Ramos asked the Philippine Congress on Monday to legalize the Communist Party and to authorize a sweeping amnesty in an effort to end more than two decades of insurgency.

"Peace and security are the first urgent problem," he told Congress in his first state of the nation address. "For as long as instability and uncertainty characterize our common life, we shall not make any headway."

He said a repeal of the ban on the Communist Party, in force since after World War II, would allow the party to "compete freely, openly and peacefully in the political, economic and social arena instead of their following the path of armed struggle."

The party controls the New People's Army, which has been waging a guerrilla war for 23 years. A rebel statement issued Monday said it was "prepared to sit down and conduct negotiations leading to a comprehensive political settlement."

Mr. Ramos also asked the congress to endorse an amnesty for 4,500 former rebels from the New People's Army and from the Moro National Liberation Front, a Muslim secessionist group.

Escobar Broke Out Old-Fashioned Way — By Paying for It

By Don Podesta
Washington Post Service

BOGOTA — When the leader of the Medellin cocaine cartel, Pablo Escobar Gaviria, broke out of the prison he had designed for himself, he exposed the weak link in the government's war against drug traffickers: money.

Last year, President Cesar Gaviria Trujillo bought peace with the cartel, halting a wave of bombings

and attacks, by allowing Mr. Escobar to surrender for detention in the push prison. It worked until the government tried last week to move him to a real prison, prompting his breakout.

Colombia's army commander, General Manuel Murillo, said in Medellin that there were "indications" that Mr. Escobar and his men had escaped through a security fence into nearby woods with "the participation of units of the army." General Murillo said that at least one low-ranking or noncommissioned officer and several privates would be "turned over to the law."

His comments underscored the reason that Mr. Escobar could walk out of a prison past hundreds of army troops: He could afford it.

Perhaps more than any other country in South America, Colombia is a place where money rules.

Over the weekend, up to 1,800 residents of a Bogota neighborhood were without telephone service. The cause was not the weather or an equipment failure. As happens every so often here, lengths of telephone line had been stolen for the resale value of the copper.

"This is the most capitalistic country I've ever been in," said a foreigner who has spent years in Latin America.

It is no accident that Colombia, which does not produce coca leaf in any great quantities, is nevertheless the world's cocaine capital. In the mercantile tradition, the drug cartels specialize in distribution of the finished product.

Medellin, headquarters of the

most notorious of the drug cartels, is a bustling city of 1.8 million with thriving printing and textile industries. The high-grade printing industry, which produces currency and postage stamps for several Third World countries, has sprouted an offshoot in the city's criminal economy: a high-grade counterfeit printing industry.

In this milieu, Mr. Escobar began his career as a car thief and petty gunman. At age 42, he is one of the richest men in the world, his fortune estimated by Forbes magazine at \$2 billion. By contrast, a one-star army general draws about \$1,100 a month in pay, excluding benefits.

Because of such disparities, Mr. Escobar was able to continue running his empire from prison by arranging for special treatment — most importantly, easy access to visitors.

The government had insisted that he would be treated no differently than any other prisoner, but that assurance was shattered earlier this month when he arranged the kidnapping and killing of several of his lieutenants. He was able to order the purge from prison because he controls a vast army of enforcers who, unlike cartel members involved in cocaine distribution or money laundering, depend on him for a living.

Mr. Escobar's saga indicates that his power remains formidable compared with that of the government.

An intelligence officer said earlier this month that he feared Mr. Escobar might try to escape. The cartel leader had, he said, begun liquidating many of his assets, including land, apartments and cars. This information may have contributed to President Gaviria's decision to remove him from his comfortable prison, but in the end it was Mr. Escobar who decided where he would go.

Mr. Escobar has offered to turn himself in if he can return to his prison under the same conditions he enjoyed before his escape. Mr. Gaviria has rejected the terms and has insisted that Mr. Escobar will have to surrender unconditionally.

AIDS-Like Illness Creates New Woes for Blood Banks

By Elisabeth Rosenthal
New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Reports of patients who appear to have AIDS but are not infected with the human immunodeficiency virus have created concern at U.S. blood banks, but officials see no immediate need to change guidelines for donating or receiving blood.

Even if research determines that a new AIDS-like illness is caused by a microbe that cannot be detected now in donated blood, experts say a high degree of protection should be provided by the precautions already in place to screen out blood donations contaminated by HIV, the human immunodeficiency virus, which causes AIDS.

Among the small number of cases described, the new condition mainly afflicts people in groups known to be at risk for AIDS. It seems to be relatively rare.

Since the outbreak of AIDS, more and more people facing sur-

vey have banked their own blood, further reducing their risk of exposure. In addition, doctors are being more cautious about ordering blood transfusions.

"Right now we don't know anything that would change our impression that we are doing the appropriate things and the blood supply is as safe as it has ever been," said Dr. Peter Tomasulo, executive director of American Red Cross Blood Services. "If I were about to receive blood right now, I would not be any more worried today than I was a week ago."

Nonetheless, doctors said reports of the new syndrome left many questions and could make it difficult to advise patients regarding the risks of transfusions.

"We are concerned because we understand so little about what is known," said Dr. John Adamson, director of the New York Blood Center. He agreed that no new procedures were needed now, but he

added: "We're operating a little bit in the dark."

Last week, cases involving about 30 patients with the new syndrome around the world were described at the international AIDS meeting in Amsterdam.

One researcher, Dr. Sndhir Gupta, a virologist at the University of California at Irvine, described several patients with AIDS-like immune deficiencies and said he had isolated a virus that might be responsible for their infections, but that theory is far from proven.

Dr. Lester Gottesman, an assistant professor of surgery at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in New York, said the announcements "would make it much harder to counsel people on the safety and efficacy of blood products."

"The data so far show that the risk is negligible," Dr. Gottesman said, "but this could change everything, since we don't know how common this is."

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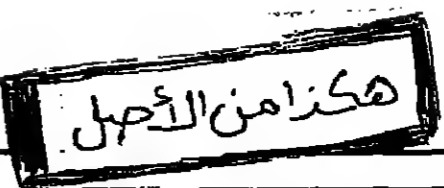


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Peace Corps Lands in Baltics Volunteers Find Awe in 3 Ex-Soviet Lands

By Fred Hiatt
Washington Post Service

RIGA, Latvia — Thirty-one years after President John F. Kennedy launched the Peace Corps to help lure the developing world away from communism, volunteers have arrived on the shores of the former Soviet Union.

The message they are delivering may be a bit different from what President Kennedy had in mind. The young teachers of English who recently arrived in the Baltic republics said they found themselves constantly telling their hosts that life in America was not quite so wonderful, so perfect, so problem-free as the people seem to believe.

"They were taught that everything about the United States was bad," said Stephanie Brown, 24, of Los Angeles. "So now they think everything is good."

She added with wonder, "My best family takes everything I say as from the mouth of God. If a band comes on TV, they turn in me and say, 'Is that a good band?'"

Miss Brown is one of two dozen volunteers who arrived in Latvia, some to teach English to high school students and others in help farmers adjust in the world of private marketing. Similar groups have arrived in neighboring Estonia and Lithuania.

The Peace Corps intends to send volunteers to Russia, Ukraine, Ar-

menia and two Central Asian republics later this year, making a total of about 250 volunteers in the former Soviet lands by year's end, a spokesman in Washington said.

James Lehman, director for all three Baltic countries, said the Peace Corps as a whole was benefiting from the same good will that the volunteers had already encountered.

"A lot of people say, 'We don't really know what the Peace Corps is, but we know it must be a good organization because we heard for so long it was a bad organization,'" Mr. Lehman said.

Many of the volunteers who will advise farmers are older and experienced, some with business degrees and some with ancestors in these Baltic states. But the teachers are, by and large, in the Kennedy era mold—young men and women whose motives include idealism, a desire to see the world and an aversion to traditional career paths at home.

The bulletin board at the Riga Pedagogical Institute, where the volunteers are spending their two-month training period, reflects that Peace Corps mix of irreverence and exuberance. One scrawled note reports on Riga's night spots, recommending one strip in particular: "Even weeknights look hot."

Another gives advice on how to master the rather difficult Latvian

language, ranging from "Study" and "Talk to people" in the tempting though perhaps impractical "Brain transplant."

Other volunteers have suggestions for coping with the still-Sovietized economy of newly independent Latvia. "Give yourself PLENTY of extra time for errands," one sadder but wiser volunteer advised, while others weighed in with tips on how to find toilet paper. "It's there, but you have to look for days and days," confided Angie Wanke, 24, of Alaska. "My supplier is a tool store."

The minor hardships have not dimmed the volunteers' enthusiasm for taking part in the rebirth of a nation about which most of them knew almost nothing a few months ago.

"I thought I was going to Africa or Central America or Asia," said Kristin Butcher, of Los Angeles. "I had to show myself where Latvia was on the map."

Most agreed that serving in a state emerging from the shadow of the Soviet empire had "an exotic mystique" of its own, as Miss Wanke said. "There's so much history here," she said. "But it's all new, too."

Mr. Lehman said the volunteers would serve for two years, teaching English and helping train Latvian teachers who, in many cases, have never met a native English speaker.

The goal, he said, is to help Latvia integrate once again into the world community.

But he said volunteers also would encourage students to get involved in projects relating in the environment and might help foster a new style of education, as well.

"It's not going to be easy for some old teachers to teach in a new way," Mr. Lehman said. "We can help in the transition toward students asking questions, thinking for themselves."

Meanwhile, the volunteers are trying to bring "a little realism," as Kevin Hood, 22, of Los Ochos, California, said, to the Latvians' view of America. Miss Wanke said she was mystified a few evenings ago when her host family "talked and talked and talked" among themselves as she washed the dinner dishes.

"Finally, I said, 'What's the deal?' " she recalled. "They said, 'We didn't know Americans still knew how to do the dishes by hand.' They think we're all rich."

But perhaps, among people long conditioned to believe that to show emotion or stand out in any way was dangerous, the volunteers' openness and good cheer is the most striking lesson for many Latvians.

"They think we're very strange," Miss Wanke said. "They say, 'Why do you guys smile all the time?'"



Afghan families who had fled the civil war in their country took a break at Torkhan, on the Afghan-Pakistani border, as they made their way home.

In Kabul, Government by Chaos Is Going Nowhere

By Edward A. Gargan
New York Times Service

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — One of the first things the new leaders in Kabul set about doing after rebel guerrillas occupied Kabul in late April was to erect a new blue-and-white plastic sign at the Khyber Pass, reading: "Welcome to the Islamic State of Afghanistan."

Shortly afterward, movie theaters in Kabul were shut, liquor was banned, and women were told to cover their heads.

Since then, little else resembling governance has taken root.

It is now three months since hands of guerrilla fighters armed with machine guns, rocket launchers, and tanks straggled into Kabul's dusty streets. In the early days, they blazed away after nightfall with their weapons celebrating their victory. But in the daylight, almost from the first declarations of triumph, they also began firing at one another, battling for power, territory and revenge.

Already, Afghanistan has had two presidents. Ministries have been parceled out to guerrilla commanders from various factions. In some ministries, those headed by fundamentalist commanders, female employees have been banned; in others, not only women, but employees from the former government, are welcome.

In both cases, however, ministries are paralyzed by the virtual bankruptcy of the country, the flight of skilled personnel,

and the inability of a government preoccupied by internal power struggles to begin laying out its policies.

For more than a decade, the wary coalition of guerrilla armies, all professing allegiance to Islam, remained bound together by the common enemy of the Soviet Union and the governments in Kabul that Moscow supported. Victory over that enemy has not, however, brought with it either Islamic fraternity or peace.

In recent days, Kabul a shambling city of low concrete and mud buildings sprawling across a valley that cuts through the Hindu Kush mountains, has been torn by violent clashes between competing guerrilla groups, battles reflecting both the depths of Afghanistan's future difficulties and the fragility of the guerrillas' triumph.

Recently, a Shiite guerrilla group backed by Iran, Islamic Coalition Council of Afghanistan, or Hezb-i-Wahadat, waged battles against Islamic Unity, or Ittehad-i-Islami, a Sunni force supported by Saudi Arabia, for control of the capital's western neighborhoods. At least 60 people were killed and more than 300 wounded.

These sectarian fights reflect a broader instability within the government itself. Under a pact crafted in Pakistan in 1989, Sibghatullah Mojaddidi, a moderate religious teacher and relatively weak guerrilla leader, was to be president for two months, after which he was to relinquish

power in Burhanuddin Rabbani, the head of the powerful and more fundamentalist guerrilla organization, Islamic Society, or Jamiat-i-Islami.

After a few weeks in office, Mr. Mojaddidi decided he did not wish to surrender the reins of government and said that he would remain until elections were held. Other guerrilla leaders who commanded far greater firepower made it clear that the original terms of his appointment remained in force and he stepped aside.

Now, Mr. Rabbani, who is scheduled to hold office for only four months, is uncertain what will follow his tenure. Some leaders in Kabul insist that elections must be held for a new government. But others are demanding the convening of a *loya jirga*, a traditional meeting of tribal elders to decide the shape of the new government.

Iran, Saudi Arabia, and Pakistan are jostling for influence in Kabul, indeed for a role as Afghanistan's new big brother. A few weeks ago, without asking Kabul's government, Iran opened a consulate in Mazar-i-Sharif, in the north. The new Afghan government, stunned by Iran's audacity, responded by surrounding the Iranian Embassy in Kabul with tanks demanding that the consulate be shut. It was.

Pakistan, which looks eagerly toward Afghanistan as a potential thoroughfare to Central Asian markets, has struggled to overcome its decade-long support for the

guerrilla group led by Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, which in the end played no role in the takeover of Kabul. Indeed, Mr. Hekmatyar's faction of the Islamic Party, or Hezb-i-Islami, rocketed the capital for weeks demanding that the new government capitulate to his demands for running the country, alienating other groups.

And Saudi Arabia, which backed Islamic Unity of Mujahidin of Afghanistan, or Ittehad-i-Islami Afghan Mujahidin, one of the strongest factions, has sought to undermine the influence of Iran, and the Shiites, in favor of the Sunni majority.

Whether, in fact, any of these contests matter remains increasingly problematic. With each passing week that Kabul is gripped by its own discord and rivalries, its importance for the rest of the country diminishes. Ethnic, linguistic, and sectarian centers are forming the new administrative regions of Afghanistan.

Despite the slow fragmentation of the country, though, and despite continued fighting that is gradually consuming Kabul, hundreds of thousands of Afghan refugees have decided to return home, not to the country of Afghanistan, but to their villages, their families, their tribes.

"What is Afghanistan?" said Ghulam Naft, a Pathan carpet dealer from Kandahar who has been living in Quetta for a decade. "All this fighting. What is it for? We don't care. I am from Kandahar. My tribe matters. That is all."

Admiral Blackburn Dies, Led 7th Fleet in Vietnam

New York Times Service

HILTON HEAD, South Carolina — Paul F. Blackburn Jr., 83, a retired vice admiral who commanded the 7th Fleet in the early months of its buildup during the Vietnam War, died here of cancer. His family said he died last Wednesday.

As the 7th Fleet commander in 1965, he was in charge of 125 ships, 650 aircraft and 65,000 troops in Asia and the Pacific.

Admiral Blackburn commanded the naval units that cleared the way for U.S. Marines to make an amphibious landing southeast of Da Nang.

Mary Wells, 49, sang "My Guy," Early Motown Hit

LOS ANGELES (LAT) — Mary Wells, 49, one of the soul singers of the early 1960s credited with helping carry what was known then as the Motown sound into the consciousness of white America, died of throat cancer Sunday.

Miss Wells, whose best-known hit was "My Guy," had most re-

cently been in the news because of her financial distress, setting off a fund-raising campaign.

She hit the nation's Top Ten in the early 1960s with "The One Who Really Loves You," "You Beat Me in the Punch," "Two Lovers" and her signature song.

Alfred C. Drake, 77, Singing Star of 'Oklahoma'

NEW YORK — Alfred C. Drake, 77, who created the lead role in "Oklahoma!" and starred in other stage hits, died Saturday of heart failure after a long illness with cancer, his family said.

After his appearance as Curly in "Oklahoma!" in 1943, Mr. Drake went on to star in the original cast of "Kiss Me, Kate" in 1948, "Kismet" in 1953 and in the 1973 revival of "Gigi."

In the 1943 production of "Oklahoma!," he sang "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning," "The Surrey With the Fringe on Top" and "People Will Say We're in Love." Another of his songs included "So in Love" from "Kiss Me, Kate."



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INTERNATIONAL STOCKS Signs Good for Michelin To Continue on Its Roll

By Roger Cohen
New York Times Service
PARIS — Michelin, the world's largest tire company, is not a stock that gives investors a comfortable ride.

The surge in the stock's price should make a rights issue less onerous.

Several factors have contributed to Michelin's turnaround after the company's unprecedented loss of 4.81 billion francs in 1990.

MICHELIN TRIMMED its losses to 699 million francs last year, and analysts predicted it would return to profit this year, with earnings in the 1.7 billion-franc range.

But Michelin has not said when the issue will take place or on what terms. Even the division of the company's capital within the Michelin family remains a secret.

Some uncertainty thus hangs over the shares, with investors concerned over the potential dilutive effect of the proposed rights issue.

Analysis remains favorably impressed by the company's overall performance and outstanding record in the development of new tire technology.

EC Crafts Agreement On Excise, VAT Rates

By Charles Goldsmith
International Herald Tribune
BRUSSELS — The European Community on Monday reached agreement on the broad outlines of a deal to set minimum excise and value-added taxes, an essential step toward abolition of tax frontiers in the EC's post-1992 single market.

Crucial to the massive package of eight different pieces of legislation was an agreement that value-added taxes must be 15 percent or higher, at least until the end of 1996.

Without harmonized rates, EC nations worried about a loss of tax revenues to its neighboring countries would have been tempted to retain border controls after the single market takes effect on Jan. 1.

Britain, which went along last year with a "political agreement" that VAT should be at least 15 percent, reluctantly agreed to such a binding minimum rate until Dec. 31, 1996.

Wellcome Issue Weighs on Price

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
LONDON — Wellcome Trust, the world's largest medical charity, said Monday that it had raised £2.16 billion (\$4.2 billion) through the sale of shares in Wellcome PLC in the largest private share sale ever.

The trust sold 270 million shares in Wellcome, the pharmaceutical company known for its AZT/Retrovir treatment for AIDS, at £8 each, despite jittery stock markets.

Wellcome shares closed sharply lower Monday on a combination of short-selling, profit-taking and a stock overhang following the share sale, which closed Friday.

Despite 10 institutions reportedly being banned by the trust from participating in the offer because of previous shorting, some investors are continuing to short the stock, one dealer said.

A dealer at a U.S. securities house said a number of institutions took profit right when share trading opened on Monday.

The sale reduces the Trust's stake in Wellcome to 42 percent from 73.5 percent. Up to 330 million Wellcome shares had been on offer, but trust officials had made provisions to scale down the total.

About 60 percent of the shares went to British investors, including 14.4 million in a public offer; 25 percent went to the United States; 5 percent to Japan, and the rest to other parts of the world.

The nearly 70 million shares sold in the United States raised Wellcome's share base there to around 10 percent from 1 percent. Wellcome has around half its sales in North America.

Eyes on West, Turkey Strives to Cure Boom, Bust

By Tom Buerkle
International Herald Tribune
ISTANBUL — After years of wavering on the fault line between Europe and Asia, Turkey now sees its economic and strategic interests tied more closely with the West as a result of the Gulf War and the collapse of the former Soviet Union.

But the greater confidence about Turkey's role in the world has put the government's economic policy under a harsh spotlight.

"Our economy needs a major structural readjustment rather than minor improvements in running the economy," said Bulent Ezzacibasi, chairman of the Turkish Industrialists' and Businessmen's Association.

Turkey has a vital role in the reshaping of the world, said Ilgur Cevik, editor of the Turkish Daily News and a personal advisor to Prime Minister Suleyman Demirel.

Last month, Ankara brought together leaders of 11 countries in the Black Sea region, including Russia, Ukraine, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan and Greece, to sign an economic cooperation accord.

But unlike the previous government, officials today see regional cooperation not as a substitute for the long-delayed goal of joining the European Community but as "complementary," a way to gain leverage from the West's heightened interest in the region.

CIA Sees Export Rise For China
WASHINGTON — China's market-oriented reforms are likely to fuel the country's export drive, widening its trade imbalance with the United States and other trade partners, the Central Intelligence Agency said Monday.

The CIA believes the U.S. trade deficit with China will exceed \$15 billion this year, up from \$12.7 billion in 1991, said an agency analyst.

"The center of gravity has moved to the East," said an American banker in London with close ties to Turkey. "Rather than being on the periphery, Turkey is in the middle of a"

Honda Cuts U.S. Accord Production

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
DETROIT — Honda Motor Co., fighting a year-long sales slump of its popular Accord model, told suppliers it would cut production at its two U.S. assembly plants by 27,800 units in the next two fiscal quarters.

A Honda spokesman, Jeff Loestma, said there would be no layoffs, and emphasized sales of the Accord remained strong.

German Ministers in Spat Over Fallout on Rates

BONN — Tension over Germany's high interest rates has broken out in the government as Finance Minister Theo Waigel wrote an angry letter to Economics Minister Jürgen Möllemann, accusing his colleague of leaving him alone to face French criticism of high German interest rates last week.

The Economics Ministry on Monday confirmed a report in Express newspaper that quoted Mr. Waigel as criticizing Mr. Möllemann's last-minute decision not to attend a meeting of the Franco-German Economic Council in Paris last Thursday.

In Software, a Little Crime Adds Up

By John Markoff
New York Times Service
SAN FRANCISCO — In his home in the heart of Silicon Valley, Charles Farnham, a software writer, has a remarkably complete collection of commercial programs for his Apple Macintosh computer.

U.S. law is clear that in almost all cases it is illegal to make duplicate copies of software. But that does not seem to faze many computer users. People who would not steal a book or cheat on a test seem to have no qualms about obtaining software illegally.

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Fearful Wall Street Trends Downward

NEW YORK — The stock market trended lower Monday, with the dull outlook for the economy and big drops overseas depressing many shares, although the drug sector proved to be an exception. Most major indexes fell, although advancing issues on the New York Stock Exchange outperformed decliners by a few issues.

Dollar Closes Mixed Amid Iraq Uncertainty

NEW YORK — The dollar ended mixed on Monday as traders assessed tensions in the Gulf and awaited new figures on the U.S. economy. The U.S. currency slid against the Deutsche mark, which was the main beneficiary of the Japanese discount rate, to 3.25 percent from 3.75 percent.

RATES: Japan Discovers That Easy Money Is No Cure-All for Economy

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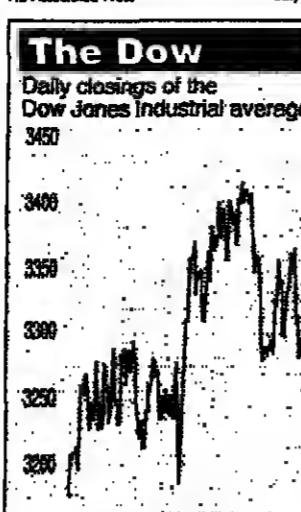


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Goodyear Shares Up on Income Rise PITTSBURGH (Reuters) — Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. shares rose Monday after it reported second-quarter net income that exceeded most Wall Street expectations, analysts said.

Boeing Slips on Projection of Sales SEATTLE (Reuters) — Shares of Boeing Co. skidded Monday despite the company's slightly higher second-quarter earnings, after the airplane maker noted second-half sales and earnings would decline because of reduced sales.

Dow Corning Earnings Slide 84% MIDLAND, Michigan (AP) — Dow Corning Corp. reported Monday its second-quarter earnings tumbled 84.4 percent because of a \$45 million pretax charge for getting out of the silicone gel breast implant business.

McCaw Wins Hong Kong Contract HONG KONG (Bloomberg) — Hong Kong's postmaster general awarded a syndicate led by McCaw Cellular Communications Inc. the right to build the colony's first digital cellular communications network, starting immediately.

Ford to Expand Kentucky Factory LOUISVILLE, Kentucky (Reuters) — Ford Motor Co. said it would proceed with a \$650 million plan to build a one million square foot addition to its Kentucky Truck plant here.

For the Record Stone Container Corp. said its second-quarter loss widened to \$41.2 million, or 62 cents a share, from \$30.00, or break-even on a per-share basis, a year earlier, also rose to \$1.37 billion from \$1.33 billion. For the first half, Stone Container posted a loss of \$51 million, compared with year-earlier net income of \$1.1 million, or 2 cents a share. (Bloomberg)

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By William Drozdiak
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By Michael Janofsky
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Some suggest that the famed gymnastics coach is growing weary of the medal chase and all it entails - anxious parents, jealous colleagues, demanding officials and endless hours in the gym...

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By Michael Janofsky
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U.S. Has the Goods On Taiwan's Pitcher

By Dave Anderson
New York Times Service

BARCELONA — At the end of the U.S. Olympic baseball team's dugout, the scouting report on Taiwan's starting pitcher, left-hander Chen-Jong Lo, was taped to the wall.

"This to get hitters to chase bad balls early in the count," it read in part next to three photos of his delivery. "Make him get the ball up. Does not have a true strikeout pitch. Be patient."

Ron Fraser, the U.S. coach, received that report from two scouts dispatched to Beijing to inspect the Taiwan team in last year's Asian Games. And true to the report, during the second inning Monday Lo got high with his pitches, especially a change-up that Chad McConnell, the right fielder recently drafted in the first round by the Philadelphia Phillies, smashed for a three-run homer that started a 10-9 victory.

"Our pitches didn't hold," Fraser said later, "but our hitters did what they had to do to win."

Phil Nevin, the third baseman selected by the Houston Astros as the first choice in the recent draft, drove in three runs with a homer and two doubles. McConnell also had two singles. Charles Johnson, the catcher taken by the Florida Marlins, had three singles and centerfielder Jeffrey Hammond, the Baltimore Orioles' first choice, had two singles.

"This was the first close intense game we've had," Nevin said. "The best game we've had for the overall mentality of team unity."

In the first official gold-medal Olympic baseball tournament, the U.S. team is now 2-0, along with Cuba, an 18-1 victor Monday over Italy.

After Tuesday's game against Italy, the American team will play Cuba on Wednesday in its first crucial test. In seven pre-Olympic games with the Cubans, the Americans lost five.

But even if Fraser's team were to lose to both Cuba and Japan, victories over each of its five other opponents would qualify it for the four-team medal round next Tuesday and Wednesday.

"That's why this Taipei game was so important to us," said right-hander Rick Greene, the Detroit Tigers' first-round choice. "We couldn't let this one get away."

Greene and Darren Dreifort almost did. When Greene replaced starter Ron Villone in the sixth, he walked three consecutive batters, forcing in the run that narrowed the U.S. lead to 7-5. After Nevin's two-run homer helped create a 10-5 lead, Dreifort surrendered a three-run homer to Kuang-Shih Wang in a four-run seventh before retiring the last seven batters in order.

"Darren's our No. 1 guy in the bullpen," Fraser said. "He closes it. He stayed out there and got it done."

Seven of the Taiwan players once appeared in the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, including Chien-Fu Kao Lee, who had three strikeouts in obtaining the last seven outs. Nevin assessed his split-fingered fastball as "one of the best I've seen." No scouting report had been posted on him.

Spain Gets First Gold as Cyclist Sets Olympic Mark

BARCELONA — José Moreno of Spain won the host country's first gold medal of the Summer Games on Monday with an Olympic record in the one-kilometer cycling time trial.

Moreno finished in 1 minute, 33.42 seconds to win Spain's fifth gold medal ever and first ever in cycling. Shane Kelly of Australia won a surprise silver and Erin Hartwell of the United States captured the bronze.

Moreno, 23, the defending world champion, circled the track after his victory with his right fist raised to a frantic crowd of 3,500.

He was the last of 32 riders and the crowd cheered him on louder and louder with each lap, then gave him a five-minute standing ovation when he eclipsed the Olympic record of 1:03.91 set by France's Pierre Trentin in Mexico in 1968.

Teammates and friends hoisted him on their shoulders for a victory lap, a fedora on his head and flowers in his hand.

Earlier, in the men's 4,000-meter cycling individual pursuit qualifying, Chris Boardman of Britain also posted an Olympic record, clocking 4 minutes, 27.37 seconds.

He was one of three riders who broke the record of 4:32.00, set by Gintautas Umasas of the Soviet Union at the 1988 Seoul Games.

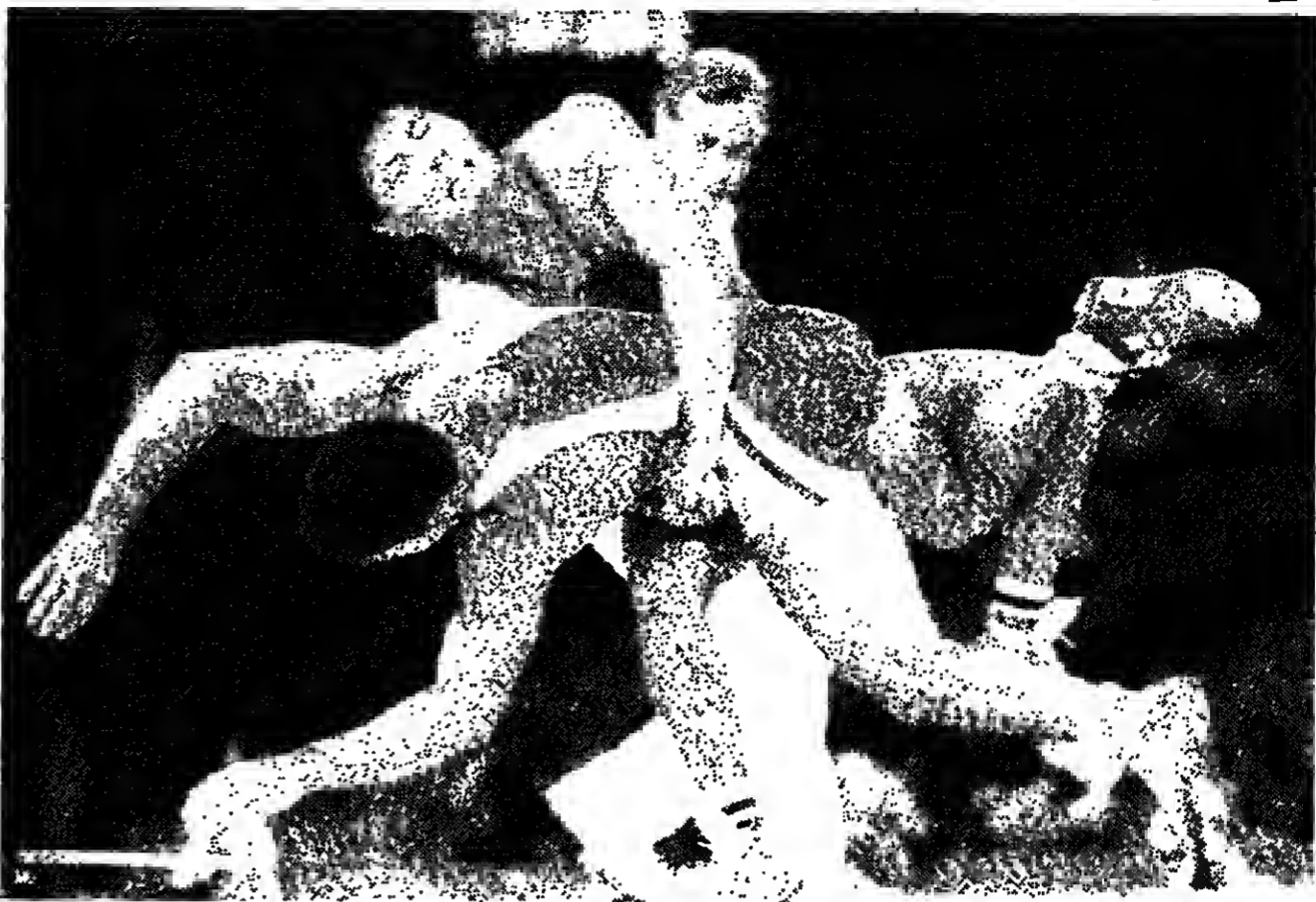
Boardman, who will face Denmark's Jan Petersen on Tuesday, set the mark on the quick, wooden track, besting Australia's Mark Kingland, who had broken Umasas's record just a half-hour earlier in 4:31.03.

Jens Lehmann of Germany, the gold-medal favorite, also beat Umasas's mark, posting a 4:30.054 time in the final race.

Umasas still owns the world record of 4:31.160, set in Seoul in 1987. Boardman's mark does not count as a world record because it must be set with solo rides.

In other events, news agencies reported:

- Germans picked up two victories, an Italian lost and a member of the Unified Team got a message from a Cuban — "keep your hands up" — in Olympic boxing.
- The victorious Germans on the afternoon program were Mario Loch and Markus Beyer.
- Raul Marquez of the United States overcame a bout of nerves and an awkward opponent as he rallied in the final round to keep American fighters undefeated.
- Marquez trailed after one round to Nigeria's David Defuagbon and was even after two before rallying in the third to take an 8-7 victory.
- Loch, a silver-medalist at the 1991 European championships, won his 51-kilogram bout in the second round when Vichai Khadpo of Thailand could not continue because of a severe cut over his right eye.
- Beyer had an easy time in his 71-kilogram bout, pouncing out a decision over Sillio Figota of New Zealand.
- Arkadi Topayev of the Unified Team, a replacement for Israel Akopkhobian, European champion in 1989 and 1991, had the bad luck to draw world champion Juan Le-



China's Wei Qingkun appeared to have control of France's Yvon Riemer in a Greco-Roman wrestling bout Monday, but Riemer won.

Talantbraginovich Douchebaev blasted home seven goals, including three penalty throws, for the ex-Soviets, who led 12-7 at halftime.

Iceland, which replaced the 1988 bronze-medal-winning Yugoslav team that was banned by the United Nations, beat Brazil, 19-18.

Sweden, considered among the medal contenders, got seven goals from Pierre Thorsson and overwhelmed Czechoslovakia, 20-14, in a Group A preliminary round match. Sweden led 8-7 at halftime.

Dumitru Berbeco drilled home three penalties and combined with Ion Mocanu for nine tallies as Romania overturned a two-goal halftime deficit and held off Egypt, 22-21, in a Group B match.

• Sparse winds wiped out the opening day of the yacht-racing competition, but cleanup crews kept up their sweep of the courses after sailors complained of smelly and polluted waters.

• Australia, the defending Olympic champion, beat Canada 2-0 in their opening women's field hockey match.

Both sides squandered chances and missed a series of penalty corners as the unfancied Canadians, fifth and sixth in the last two Olympics, tried to close down the Australians defensively and then launch counter-attacks.

After a goalless first half, Liane Tooth, an Australian veteran of the 1988 and 1992 Olympics, scored from a penalty corner with a shot into the left corner in the 40th minute. Twenty minutes later, Australia's Juliet Haslam jabbed in a ball which the Canadian goalkeepers had left.

In a Group B game, Chang Eun-jung scored twice as South Korea routed New Zealand, 5-0.

In Group A, two penalty strokes in each half helped Spain hold Germany to a 2-2 draw.

The world champion Dutch team made up a one-goal deficit to score a 2-1 over Britain.

(AP, Reuters, UPI, AFP)

U.S. Defeats Kuwait in Soccer

ZARAGOZA, Spain — The United States rallied from a half-time deficit on goals by Dario Brose, Manuel Lagos and Steve Snow, beating Kuwait, 3-1, in the Olympic soccer tournament.

The victory evened the Americans' record after they lost to Italy in the opening game. It also kept alive U.S. chances of advancing to the second round.

Kuwait now has lost to Poland and the U.S. team in the event for national under-23 squads.

Snow played a pivotal role after he was benched in the U.S. team's opening 2-1 loss to Italy. Snow had criticized Coach Lothar Osiander for not playing him against Italy, but he came on to help the United States control much of the action.

The Americans had many more shots in the penalty area and forced the Kuwaitis to surrender 10 corner kicks.

Kuwait went ahead on a goal by Ali Hadiyah. Brose tied it off an indirect free kick from the left of goalkeeper Fahad Majidi. His twisting shot hit the top left corner of the net.

The Americans continued to press the attack, although Kuwait had several good chances because of sloppy play by the U.S. defense.

Lagos got the go-ahead goal on a quick-developing play. He slid to send a left-footed kick into the unguarded net after Majidi had come out to stop a 2-on-1 break.

With the Kuwaitis moving forward trying to tie it, Snow sent a quick left-footed stab past a charging Majidi, who was just outside the penalty area. That clinched a victory the Americans had to have.

Colombia 1, Qatar 1: In Sabadell, Spain, Mahmoud Souf scored with four minutes left to play to give Qatar the draw.

The result kept Qatar unbeaten. It had defeated Egypt, 1-0, in its first game. Colombia now has a draw and a loss.

Victor Aristizabal put Colombia ahead with a header in the 16th minute of the second half after a succession of missed and blocked shots by his team.

Then Qatar went on the attack and also had a succession of misses, including a missed header by Souf three minutes before he scored the tying goal from inside the penalty area.

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OLYMPIC NOTEBOOK

- Taxi Call Off Strike**
 Barcelona taxi unions called off a threatened strike Monday and 12 drivers ended a hunger strike after authorities agreed to let them through Olympic security cordons. Reuters reported.
 Taxi unions said they had called off the strike after agreement with the city council for taxi stops to be established at the most popular sites of the Games.
 The 12-man leadership of one union representing 2,000 of the city's 11,000 taxis also ended a hunger strike that began Thursday.
 The drivers were angered by security precautions that had prevented them from approaching the busiest Olympic sites, where roads are blocked by policemen with pump-action shotguns. The drivers also said 2,000 official buses that take athletes, officials and journalists around the city were halving their daily take.
- Afghans Not at Games**
 Afghanistan, still torn by violence after 14 years of civil war, has been unable to send competitors to the Barcelona Olympics, officials quoted by Reuters said Monday.
 Michele Verdier, the spokeswoman for the International Olympic Committee, denied that Afghanistan was boycotting the Games but said it was represented only by the secretary-general of its Olympic committee, who marched in the opening ceremonies.
 "The athletes are not boycotting," she said. "Due to war conditions they did not have time to prepare athletes to participate or to reach the necessary standard."
 There has been widespread violence and fighting since Islamic guerrillas took power in April after a 14-year civil war against the former Soviet-backed government.
- Panamanian Sells Tickets**
 The president of Panama's Olympic Committee was caught selling tickets outside the main stadium this weekend, Reuters reported from Barcelona.
 The Spanish police said Monday that they had seized 300 tickets on Sunday for a variety of events from Meliton Sánchez Ribas, who insisted he was selling them at face value. They said it was not an arrestable offense.
 A spokeswoman for the organizing committee said the International Olympic Committee had been informed and would decide what action to take.
- Russian Suspended**
 Russian Natalya Artyomova of Russia, the world No. 1 in the 1,500 meters last year, has been suspended after a positive dope test at an Oslo meet on July 4, Reuters reported.
 An International Amateur Athletic Federation spokeswoman, Jayne Pearce, speaking from London, said Monday that Artyomova had been suspended pending a hearing by her national federation. She declined to say what drug was involved.
 Artyomova, who has not been included in the Commonwealth of Independent States' Olympic team, missed the 1991 Tokyo world championships after declining to run in the national championships.
 Pearce said the federation had also suspended Charity Opara, Clement Chukwu, Chionia Ajunwa, Tina Ideagwan and Innocent Asonze of Nigeria after positive dope tests at their national championships on June 11.
 The Japanese triple jumper Yoko Mochiko is suspended for three months after a positive test at the Japanese championships on June 14.
- Mota to Keep Running**
 The Olympic marathon champion Rosa Mota said Monday that she would continue her running career despite injuries that forced her out of the Barcelona Games. The Associated Press reported from Oporto, Portugal.
 Mota, considered one of the greatest women marathon runners ever, announced Sunday that she could not defend her Olympic title in Barcelona because of a nagging muscle injury.
 "I don't feel like quitting this year," she said at a news conference in her hometown. "Despite my 34 years, I still feel strong and want to continue to run, with the will to run, the will to win."
 Her record includes a world championship gold in 1987 and the 1988 Olympic gold. She was European champion in 1982, 1986 and 1990. Recently she has been plagued by injuries, which forced her to pull out of last year's World Championship in Tokyo and the London Marathon.
- A Boom at Hotels**
 Barcelona hotel owners have made a killing on the Olympics with a near sell-out of their 33,000 beds, according to city officials quoted by Reuters.
 Eighty percent of rooms are occupied by officials, athletes, journalists and staff working on the Olympics, the officials said Monday.
 City officials said that other visitors boosted the occupancy rate at hotels of all classes to 95 to 97 percent.

